

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING FEE AND/OR WITHOUT EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:  
**IDENTIFICATION OF NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES SPECIFIC FOR MYCOBACTERIA AND DEVELOPMENT OF  
DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS STRATEGIES FOR MYCOBACTERIAL SPECIES**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
46 pages of specification and claims (including 25 numbered claims), and  
40 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.  
☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.  
☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application Nos. , filed , respectively, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

- ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The prior application is assigned to .

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☒ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting inventor(s) named in prior application; ☒ Other: Statement w/paper and computer copies of Sequence Listing

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